

REMARKS

Claims 1-70 are pending in the present application, and are subject to a Restriction requirement as follows:

Group I, Claims 1-10, 32-39, and 55-59, drawn to a method of preparing a stable formulation comprising a metal compound, an alcohol and an ACE inhibitor;

Group II, Claims 11-30, 40-53, and 60-69 drawn to a stable formulation comprising a metal compound, an alcohol and an ACE inhibitor; and

Group III, Claims 31, 54, and 70 drawn to a method of treating heart disease comprising applying a composition to a subject, the composition comprising a metal compound, an alcohol and an ACE inhibitor.

In response to the Examiner's Restriction, Applicant hereby elects prosecution of Group III, claims 31, 54, and 70, drawn to a method of treating, with traverse. The Applicant notes that the Examiner has listed the same classification for all three Groups such that the search will be performed within the same class and subclass. The Applicant respectfully contends that the claims of all three Groups should be examined together as the search would not place an undue burden upon the Examiner. This election is being made without prejudice to Applicant's rights with respect to the unelected claims, including the right to file divisional application(s) thereon.

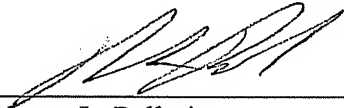
If the Examiner has any questions as to this response, the undersigned is available for a telephone conference at the number below.

If there are any additional charges with respect to this Response or otherwise, please charge them to Deposit Account No. 06-1130.

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